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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 August 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 8-16 and 19-32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 8-16 and 19-32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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- This action is responsive to the amendment and remarks file on 8/4/06.
- Claims 1-5, 8-16, 19-30 are amended are for further examination, Claim 31, 32 are newly entered claims and are ready for examination.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 1-6, 8-16, 18-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ogilvie (US 6,711,608) in view of Official Notice.

1. Referring to Claims 1, 8 and 19, Ogilvie disclosed a system for providing self-destructing electronic mail messages (refer to Abstract), the system comprising: an electronic mail server application operative to receive a request to transmit a self-destructing electronic mail message (refer to Col 9, Lines 5-20), to transmit the self-destructing electronic mail message to an electronic mail client application (218 and 202, refer to Fig 2), and to cause all instances of the self-destructing electronic mail message to be destroyed after a period of time specified in the

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request (refer to Col 11, Lines 40-50) and electronic mail client application operative to transmit the request to the electronic mail server application (refer to Col 9, Lines 5-35), the request comprising an electronic mail message body and specifying a period of time within which the self-destructing electronic mail should be destroyed (refer to Col 11, Lines 40-50), wherein the all instances of the self-destructing electronic mail message comprises a plurality of electronic copies of the self-destructing electronic mail message stored in at least one of the following: computer system memory and a mass storage device (refer to Col 4, Lines 20-50, Col 9, Lines 20-60, and Col 11, Lines 1-15).

determining if an intended receipt's electronic mail server application supports receiving self-destructing electronic mail messages (transmission protocol, which insure the receiving side supports the self-destructing electronic mail messages, refer to Col 7, Lines 10-25 and Col 10, Lines 35-50);

if the intended recipient's electronic mail server application does not support self destructing electronic mail messages (sent to the unintended location, refer to Col 10, Lines 35-50),

Ogilvie did not expressly indicate notifying a sender that the intended recipients mail server does not support self-destructing electronic mail messages;

Official Notice is given that it is obvious for ordinary skill in the art to provide an notification that back to the sender when the mail wasn't deliver successfully.

The suggestion/motivation would have been that by indicate the receiving party wasn't the intend receiver or the deliver wasn't successfully, it will urge the sender to verify the sending address to ensure the successful transmission to the intended party.

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2. Referring to Claim 2, Ogilvie disclosed wherein the time period comprises an indication that the self-destructing electronic mail message(refer to Abstract) should be destroyed after it has been opened and closed on the electronic mail client application (refer to Col 11, Lines 40-50 and Col 6, Lines 1-20).

3. Referring to Claims 3 and 28, Ogilvie disclosed further comprising; transmitting an electronic mail message to the electronic mail client application (218 and 202, refer to Fig 2) indicating that the self-destructing electronic mail message has been destroyed after the destruction of the self-destructing electronic mail message (refer to Col 9, Lines 40-67).

4. Referring to Claim 4, Ogilvie disclosed wherein the electronic mail message sent to the electronic mail client application (218 and 202, refer to Fig 2) after the destruction of the self-destructing electronic mail message comprises an identity of the sender of the self-destructing electronic mail message (refer to Col 7, Lines 1-10) and an indication that the self-destructing electronic mail message was sent and destroyed (refer to Col 9, Lines 60-67 and Fig 2).

5. Referring to Claim 5, Ogilvie disclosed encrypting the self-destructing electronic mail message prior to transmitting the self-destructing electronic mail message to the electronic mail client application (refer to Col 7, Lines 10-25, and Col 10, Lines 20-35 and Col 9, Lines 5-20).

6. Referring to Claim 6, Ogilvie disclosed a computer-executable instructions which, when executed by a computer (refer to Col 9, Lines 20-35 and Col 5, Lines 50-67, Col 6, Lines 1-10).

7. Referring to Claims 9 and 20, Ogilvie disclosed receiving a self-destructing electronic mail message sent from the electronic mail server application (218 and 202, refer to Fig 2); and destroying all instances of the electronic mail message (refer to Abstract) sent from the electronic mail server after a period of time specified in the self-destructing electronic mail message has elapsed (refer to Col 11, Lines 40-50).

8. Referring to Claim 18, Ogilvie disclosed a computer-controlled apparatus capable of performing (refer to Col 4, Lines 35-67).

9. Referring to Claims 10 and 21, Ogilvie disclosed wherein the electronic mail client application is further operative to prevent the self-destructing electronic mail message from being printed (refer to Col 10, Lines 64-67 and Col 11, Lines 1-15).

10. Referring to Claims 11 and 22, Ogilvie disclosed wherein the electronic mail client application is operative to prevent the self-destructing electronic mail message from being forwarded (refer to Col 7, Lines 25-45).

11. Referring to Claims 12 and 23, Ogilvie disclosed wherein the electronic mail client application is further operative to prevent the self-destructing electronic mail message from being saved (refer to Col 7, Lines 25-45).

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12. Referring to Claims 13 and 24, Ogilvie discloses wherein the electronic mail client application is further operative to prevent the self-destructing electronic mail message from being moved (forwarding, refer to Col 7, Lines 25-40).

13. Referring to Claims 14 and 25, Ogilvie disclosed wherein the electronic mail client application is further operative to prevent the self-destructing electronic mail message from being copied or cut to a clipboard (refer to Col 11, Lines 10-20).

14. Referring to Claims 15 and 26, Ogilvie disclosed wherein the electronic mail client application is further operative to prevent a screen display containing the self-destructing electronic mail message from being captured (refer to Col 11, Lines 50-67 and Col 12, Lines 1-10).

15. Referring to Claim 27, Ogilvie disclosed wherein the period of time within which the self-destructing electronic mail message should be destroyed comprises an indication that the self-destructing electronic mail message should be destroyed immediately after it has been read on the electronic mail client application (refer to Col 3, Lines 30-35 and Col 6, Lines 5-20).

16. Referring to Claim 29, Ogilvie disclosed wherein the electronic mail server application is further operative to encrypt the self-destructing electronic mail message and wherein the electronic mail client application is operative to decrypt the self-destructing electronic mail message (refer to Col 7, Lines 10-25, and Col 10, Lines 20-35).

17. Referring to Claims 16 and 30, Ogilvie disclosed wherein the electronic mail client application is further operative to provide a security warning message ("remove from mail list", refer to Col 9, Lines 5-20) prior to transmitting the request in response to determining that an intended recipient of the self-destructing electronic mail message is located beyond a home domain associated with the electronic mail server application (it is inherent that once the client has provide a message, the message itself will return the message to the server of originator 200, that ensure the domain is associated with the server and Col 10, Lines 35-50).

18. Referring to Claim 31, Ogilvie did not disclosed removing an email address for the intended recipient whose electronic mail server application does not support self-destructing electronic mail messages.

Official notice is given that it is obvious of ordinary skill in the art to remove the recipient whose application does not support self-destructing electronic mail messages.

The suggestion/motivation would have been that by receiving the notification that delivery wasn't successful, to save the memory and to not resent to the same recipient again, it is necessary to delete the address.

19. Referring to Claim 32, Ogilvie disclosed wherein notifying the sender comprises providing a user interface window and giving the sender an option to proceed with sending the self-destructing electronic mail message or canceling the self-destructing electronic mail message

(refer to Col 9, Lines 1-10, the sender provides the ability to edit the self-removing email, also refer to Col 6, Lines 45-53).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-5, 8-16, 19-32 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a).

Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Karen C. Tang whose telephone number is (571)272-3116. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7 - 3.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Zarni Maung can be reached on (571)272-3939. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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